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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BILASPUR, CHHATTISGARH

SINGLE BENCH: HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, CJ.

Writ Petition No.858 OF 2006

PETITIONER		Smt. Chameli Bai, aged about 50 years widow of late Buddhuram, resident of village Pasan, Tahsil Katghora, District Korba (C.G.)
	Vs.	
RESPONDENTS	1.	State of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Health and Family welfare Department, D.K.S. Bhavan, Raipur (C.G.)
	2.	Chief Medical Officer, Korba, District Korba (C.G.)
	3.	The Joint Director, Directorate, Health services, Raipur (C.G.)
	4.	The Collector, Korba, District Korba (C.G.)

Present: Mr. V.K. Pandey counsel for the petitioner.
Mr. Sanjay S. Agrawal, Govt. Adv., for the State of CG.

ORAL ORDER

(Passed on 20th February, 2006)

The petitioner's husband, late Buddhuram, while serving as Sweeper in the Primary Health Centre, Pasan, district Korba, died in harness on 07/06/2000. The petitioner, it is stated, made an application to the Joint Director, Directorate, Health Services, Raipur, the third respondent herein, to appoint her to a suitable post under the Compassionate Appointment Scheme. Acting on the said representation of the petitioner, the third respondent, by his letter dated 21/09/200, marked as Annexure-P/2, accorded permission to the second respondent to appoint the petitioner to a suitable post on compassionate ground. It is complained that the second respondent has not appointed the petitioner to

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any suitable post on compassionate ground notwithstanding the direction issued by the third respondent.

(2) Having heard the learned counsel for the parties and having noticed the fact that the petitioner made the request to the third respondent without much loss of time immediately after the demise of her husband, the second respondent, Chief Medical Officer, Korba, ought to have appointed the petitioner to a suitable post in pursuance of the direction issued by the third respondent without much loss of time. The second respondent ought to have realized that the compassionate appointment is provided to overcome the penury that may be fall on the family on account of the sudden demise of a bread-earner in the family. Therefore, the authorities which are entrusted with the duty to provide compassionate appointments, are expected to act quickly and with promptitude and they cannot sleep over the matters for years. In that view of the matter, I dispose of this writ petition directing the second respondent, Chief Medical Officer, Korba to immediately appoint the petitioner to a suitable post, as directed by the third respondent. No costs.

Sd/-
Chief Justice